

# A PUBLIC RAILROAD MEETING

To Be Held at the Court House Next Thursday Evening to Hear in Detail Plans of

## THE PROPOSED COKE RAILROAD.

An Informal Conference Thursday Between Commissioners and Two of the Promoters.

Yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Ohio county board of commissioners there was an informal conference between Messrs. W. C. Jutte and F. Protzman, of Pittsburgh, promoters of the Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia railroad, and the commissioners' committee on railroads and President Quarrier, of the Wheeling chamber of commerce. The commissioners' committee is composed of President H. P. McGregor and Messrs. A. S. Hare, B. F. Higgins and Charles Moore. It was intended that the visitors would explain their plans in detail, but after a consultation between the commissioners and Mr. Quarrier, it was decided that this formal presentation would be deferred until Thursday evening of next week, when a meeting of the chamber of commerce, county commissioners, city council and citizens generally will be held in the circuit court room of the court house. At that time Messrs. Jutte and Protzman will come loaded with facts and figures that will be presented to the Wheeling public in minute detail.

The gentlemen named assembled at 3 o'clock, and informally examined the maps presented by Messrs. Jutte and Protzman. Both gentlemen named took occasion to publicly commend the intelligence for the thorough and elaborate sketch of the route, plans and possibilities of the proposed road, which was printed in yesterday's issue. Mr. Protzman said he was utterly surprised to see so much of their plans in print, and was at a loss to understand how the intelligence had secured so much accurate information, especially as no representative of the paper had called on him Wednesday. Though some things were printed that he would not have given out for publication, yet nothing in the story would at this time interfere with the carrying out of their plans.

### The Road Will Pay.

Though it had been decided to postpone the presentation of the formal statement of plans until next Thursday, there was an informal discussion of the situation, in the course of which Mr. Jutte stated that the road would be built for \$4,500,000 or \$5,000,000, but that it would be possible to make it pay at a capitalization of \$10,000,000. Mr. Protzman endorsed this statement and added that the road would pay on the basis of the coke and coal contracts which they could enter into at this time. There are now building west of Uniontown 6,000 to 7,000 coke ovens that are on no line of railroad, but which will be reached by the Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia.

In this connection a bit of interesting industrial history was recalled. In the fact that ten years ago H. C. Frick, of Pittsburgh, was at the head of a railroad company that proposed to build a line from Connellsville to Wheeling. Suddenly Mr. Frick dropped the scheme and was taken into the great Carnegie corporations. The secret of this pulling off of Mr. Frick by Carnegie is said to have been that the building of a line between the coke fields and Wheeling would have given the Wheeling district manufacturers of iron and steel such an advantage over even the Carnegie company that it was worth the latter's while to prevent the construction of the road. If the road would have paid then, said Mr. Protzman, it will pay five-fold now. Carnegie would not like to see the road built now, but it will be, said the Pittsburghers. The Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia cannot be bought out, added the visitors. The Juttes were formerly in the coal business, but they have sold out in that line and are now heart and soul in the project of giving the Wheeling district a short line to the coke fields.

### Coal and Coke Roads.

Coal and coke roads, said Mr. Protzman, are now among the best paying investments to be had. The case of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie was cited; this is a short line west from Pittsburgh that saves twenty-two miles as compared with the other trunk lines westward out of Pittsburgh. Its stock formerly sold for \$50 a share; now it is at \$750, and its annual tonnage is 18,000,000 tons, mostly coal and coke. The Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia looks even more promising; its mileage saving to western cities consuming coke is thirty-eight miles and in addition it is a low grade line and connects at Wheeling with other low grade lines west.

It was shown that the new road would profit by the congestion of coal and coke traffic out of the Connellsville region via Pittsburgh. Mr. Jutte stated that on the Monongahela river division of the Pennsylvania, about seventy-five miles long, there are 100 train crews, and the division is overwhelmed with business all the time.

Mr. Protzman said the new road would enter Wheeling with no complications or arrangements with other railroads, and here it would meet western roads hungry for business, especially the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling—and add the Baltimore & Ohio and Pan Handle are themselves coke roads and interested in seeing the Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia not built, yet when it is built they would be glad enough to receive business from it.

Mr. Protzman was asked by the intelligence man how his road would connect with the Wheeling & Lake Erie at Bellaire. He replied that he believed the Wheeling & Lake Erie would extend its branch from the Asta-Standard mill to Bellaire in order to get this coke business. Of course connection with the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling

is assured, its southern terminus at Bellaire being right at the proposed western terminus of the Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia.

### That Sandusky Line.

Mr. Protzman was also asked as to the road that is proposed to be built from Sandusky, Ohio, to Bellaire, and replied that he had been in correspondence with its promoters, and had been informed that the charter is secured and that some grading has been done. This proposed road is 175 miles in length.

In the course of the discussion as to time and place for the public meeting next week, President Quarrier said he believed this project presents an opportunity—a golden opportunity—to Wheeling that should be taken advantage of.

Mr. Protzman gave it as his opinion that Wheeling has been ready for years to encourage a coke railroad, but has not had faith in the projects sprung in the past. This was endorsed by Messrs. Quarrier and McGregor as the truth. Mr. Quarrier said the rumors of the past had been unauthenticated and the people looked with suspicion on the projects, but now there is an opportunity presented—it is the first company that has come to Wheeling showing a reasonable probability that it is able to carry out its plans.

### In No Combine

Mr. Protzman said the new road would not enter into any special relations with any of the industrial corporations, though anxious to have their business. A Pittsburgh paper had recently quoted him as stating that the road would be backed by the Federal and National Steel Companies and the National Tube Company; this was untrue; he had said that naturally the new road would haul the coke for these companies by reason of the short haul and consequently lower freight rates. A railroad controlled by one or more of the industrial combines, added Mr. Protzman, would not be received by Wheeling people with one-tenth of the enthusiasm an independent road—as his is—would receive.

Mr. Hare inquired as to the time necessary for the completion of the road. Mr. Jutte answered that about two years would be required; both labor and materials are scarce. There are seven tunnels to be put in along the route, and tunnel work is very slow.

"When will the Bellaire bridge be built?" inquired the intelligence man. "It will go along with the railroad; when the railroad is built it will be constructed," was the answer of Mr. Jutte. "We have already acquired the property wanted on both sides of the river, and no difficulties will be encountered there."

### Relations With the Terminal.

Then there was an informal discussion as to the new road having relations with the Terminal, and President McGregor, of the board, said the Terminal's charter provides for certain prices for taking business from connecting roads, and it also provides that no road shall be excluded or discriminated against. These statements were endorsed by President Quarrier. The conference was concluded at 4:30 o'clock, everybody feeling that pleasant relations had been established between Wheeling and the promoters of the new road. No doubt the meeting next Thursday evening will be large and enthusiastic.

Messrs. Jutte and Protzman, when questioned by the intelligence man, said their plans do not contemplate even a branch line to Moundsville. As to the Pittsburgh, Connellsville & Wheeling road, Mr. Protzman said the Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia has located some of its line over the rights-of-way acquired by the Pittsburgh, Connellsville & Wheeling some time ago, but the fact that the latter was not incorporated when it secured these rights would make them invalid. He was confident on this point, and said he was not worried over the present activity of the promoters of the opposition company.

### APPOINTED ITS OFFICERS.


#### The New Benwood Council Meets and Distributes the Good Things.

The recently elected Benwood council met last night for the first time and distributed the appointive offices. The meeting was held in executive session and the nominees of the Republican caucus, held several nights ago, went through without a break. The four new policemen were then sworn in by Mayor Shepard and they went on duty last night. The new council was a Republican majority of two members. It was Democratic for the last two years.

The following were the officials selected last night: City Assessor—William Nolte. City Treasurer—E. M. Noel. City Health Officer—Dr. J. W. McDonald. Police—George Ernest, Albert Polley, John Bogard and George Adlesberger. Marshal George Purtee is a Democrat, being the only one of his party to be elected on the city ticket.

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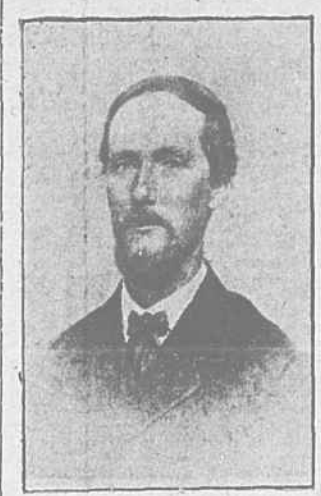
# CLOSER COILS STATE'S CHAIN OF EVIDENCE.

Witnesses That Saw Mooney and Friday in Elm Grove, the Day of the Murder.

## CONSPIRACY TO ROB HERVEYS

May Develop To-day When Kitty Sinclair, a Star Witness, Takes the Stand.

The coil of circumstantial evidence is tightening around the defendants in the Hervey murder trial. John Mooney and Frank Friday, or "Doc" Riley, as the latter is also known. The state put on strong testimony yesterday to show that the prisoners were seen in Elm Grove on March 1, the day of the murder, and one witness, Charles Robrecht, said he saw them near the Hervey home about 8 o'clock that evening. The first witness this morning will be Kitty Sinclair, who is expected to tell of a conspiracy to rob the Hervey place, in



James Hervey, for whose murder Mooney and Friday are now being tried. Reproduced from the only photograph of the deceased in existence. Kindly loaned the intelligence by Mr. Henry Hervey, a brother of the deceased. The photograph is faded and rather indistinct, and was taken over twenty years ago.

which the prisoners, John Connors, "Duke" Reilly and John Lynch are said to have been involved.

The criminal court was packed almost to the point of suffocation yesterday, and Judge Huges was compelled to rap his gavel for order a few times. The aisles and passage ways were blocked with curious spectators, who hung on every word, and in some cases, hung on their fortunate neighbor who happened to have a seat. Splendid progress is being made and the case may go to the jury on Monday or Tuesday.

A singular coincidence developed in the summoning of Charles Robrecht, of Glenn's run, as a juror, for he admitted he had bias in the case and could make a better witness than a juror. The



Henry Hervey, brother of the murdered man, who was an eye-witness to the crime. The engraving is from a photograph taken recently, loaned to the intelligence by Mr. Hervey.

court then instructed him to stand aside, and for the first time the prosecution learned of his importance as a witness. Had Mr. Robrecht not been summoned as a juror, it is not likely that he would have been a witness.

### Sheriff Richards.

The first proceeding at the morning session was the cross-examination of Sheriff H. C. Richards. His testimony related to the correspondence of the shoes taken from Mooney and Friday with the foot prints in the snow, in the investigation conducted by the sheriff and his deputies.

### Lieutenant Ingram.

Lieutenant D. D. Ingram, the night man at police headquarters, told of the steps taken by the police department to apprehend the murderers. Colonel Arnett queried the witness about Friday's gun, which was kept at the chief's office and it was explained that the cartridges lost from it after the arrest, were later found in a drawer by Lieutenant Daviney.

### Chief Clemans.

Chief of Police Clemans detailed his participation in the arrest of Mooney and Friday. He had his men placed at all avenues leading into the city. He saw the red handkerchief taken from Mooney and the white one from Friday.

### Lester Smith.

Lester Smith, of Elm Grove, went to the Hervey residence right after hearing of the murder, and with a number of other citizens, armed with lanterns, they traced the shoe tracks in the snow to the Elm Grove school house. The witness noted a peculiarity in one of the footprints, resulting from the way a

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## WHEELING MINISTERS

Criticized by a Morgantown Paper. They Should be Grateful to the Community.

The following from the Morgantown Post will be read with interest in Wheeling: "Wheeling ministers of the gospel have been prating from the pulpits about the wickedness of that city. One clergyman went so far as to say that Wheeling had a reputation all over the country as a wicked and badly governed city. This is not true. Such talk injures the leading city of a state that also suffers from the effects of such preaching. Wheeling, like all cities has wickedness within the boundaries thereof. So have towns, villages and country sections. Let these ministers, who are always striving to get to Wheeling, for the large salaries and comfortable living provided by the wealthier churches there, go about doing their duty. They should be grateful to the community which furnishes them bread and lambsops. Save souls, aye, and do missionary work, but suspend the Parkhurst tirades which are prompted by a desire for notoriety. Wheeling's morals and local government are away above the average."

### PROGRAMME MAPPED OUT

For the sittings of the State Board of Equalization.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 12.—The following programme for the sittings of the state board of equalization has been mapped out in addition to the session here May 2, when the reports of Kanawha, Fayette, Boone, Raleigh and Clay counties will be examined: Wheeling—Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler counties. Morgantown—Monongalia, Preston and Marion. Clarksburg—Harrison, Doddridge, Taylor, Lewis and Upshur counties. Elkins—Barbour, Tucker and Randolph. Romney—Hampshire, Mineral, Grant, Hardy and Pendleton. Martinsburg—Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson. Parkersburg—Pleasants, Jackson, Wirt, Ritchie, Wood and Roane. Huntington—Mason, Cabell, Wayne and Lincoln. Sutton—Nicholas, Braxton, Gilmer, Webster and Calhoun. Bluefield—Logan, Mingo, Wyoming, Mewell and Mercer counties. White Sulphur Springs—Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier and Pocahontas. The dates have not yet been fixed.

### WARM RECEPTION

Given A. B. White and James K. Hall at Middlebourne.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. MIDDLEBOURNE, W. Va., April 12.—A very large and enthusiastic audience attended the Republican meeting held at Middlebourne, the county seat of Tyler county, Wednesday evening, April 11. The meeting was conducted by the Hon. J. K. Hall and Hon. A. B. White. Mr. Hall is a candidate for state auditor, and Mr. White for governor. A few remarks were made by Mr. Hall and following a speech by Mr. White, who explained how the good of the government depended mainly upon the legislative and judicial powers of the country. Should they meet with this same reception throughout the state, their success is assured.

### CAPT. LEE HEISKELL DEAD.

Left Here When a Young Man and Joined the Confederates.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., April 12.—Intelligence was received here to-day of the death of Captain H. Lee Heiskell, formerly a resident of this place. The deceased was about sixty years of age, and came here when a young man, from Wheeling. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, and served with distinction throughout the war, entering the 6th Grays at the beginning of the war. For several years he was in the mercantile business here. Captain Heiskell was a nephew of Colonel John T. Gibson. His funeral will take place here on Saturday morning.

### Death of Philip H. Keck.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 12.—Philip Henry Keck, a retired member of the Monongalia county bar, died this morning, aged eighty years. He had been ill for five years and had scarcely left his bed for twelve months. Mr. Keck came to Morgantown from Roadburg, Pa., and read law with Judge R. L. Berkshire until he was admitted in 1841. During the latter years of his practice he gained a big reputation as a trial lawyer. He leaves a wife and one son, L. V. Keck, a lawyer at this place.

### Dies Far from Home.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 12.—George Frederick Dorsey died this morning at Aiken, N. C., of consumption, after an illness of two months' duration. He was the son of William H. Dorsey, of Morgantown, and was one of the most popular alumni of the West Virginia University, being a member of the class of '95. At the time when he became ill he was connected with the business department of the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

### Result of a Quarrel.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 12.—Maud King was fatally shot at Handley yesterday, by Mrs. John Johnson. The girl accused Mrs. Johnson's children of slandering her and the women quarrelled. Mrs. Johnson shot four times, the fourth bullet entering the girl's brain.

### Fatally Injured by a Dinkey.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. STEUBENVILLE, O., April 12.—William Walker, aged twenty-two, a brakeman on a dinkey engine at the Mingo Junction steel plant, was run over and fatally injured this morning and died at noon. His home is in Pittsburgh.

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**THE FOOD FAIR.**

The Attendance Continues to Increase Daily—Thursday's Lucky Ones. Easter Eggs for the Children.

The honors at the Food Fair are evenly divided between the beautiful booths, the charming lady demonstrators, the bewitching girls' orchestra, and the attractive prizes awarded twice each day by the management with lavish generosity. The crowds are daily growing larger and yesterday showed the largest attendance thus far since opening night. The booths were surrounded by visitors anxious to examine and taste the delicious foods and drinks so freely dispensed, and to receive the large sample packages given away by many exhibitors. The music was frequently encored, Miss Jessie Chase's violin solo, and Miss Ida Lucier's cornet solo, "The Holy City," being rapturously applauded.

The prize distribution in the afternoon resulted in favor of the following named ladies and gentlemen: Miss Carrie Green, 2130 Eoff street; Mrs. B. Mehon, 1821 Market street; Mrs. Robb, North Huron street; Mrs. Hadron-Market street; Miss Clara Craft, 2157 Main street; Miss Nellie Yeager, 39 Nineteenth street; Mr. Frame, 706 Nineteenth street; J. H. Kirk, 1019 Main street; Edward Wise, Charles Harrington, William Beckett, Miss Mattie E. Myers, J. W. Belts, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Englefield, Miss Killmyer, Miss Hattie Wickham, Mons. Gutlious, Mrs. Bruce, L. Leach, Mr. Dowler, Mr. Alexander, W. Hageman, Miss Barton.

In the evening the spacious hall was crowded, many of the very best people of the city having been present. The Sousa grand march "Hands Across the Sea" awakened great enthusiasm, and the duet from "Il Travatore," by Miss Ida Lucier, cornet, and Miss Edith Swan, trombone, was the hit of the evening.

The most intense interest was manifested in the evening prize awards, and the following were the winners: A. Allinger, 2319 Eoff street; W. S. McElroy, South Side; Miss Smith, 2919 Eoff street; Miss Riley, 2721 Jacob street; J. A. McMillan, 1155 Market street; Mrs. Brush, 3509 Jacob street; R. A. Alexander, Mrs. Heibel, Eoff street; Albert Theirs, Main street; Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. James, Mrs. Wincher, Mrs. Albert, J. Kimmins, Miss Wells, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Kindy, Mr. Medick, Mrs. McNamee, Mrs. May, Thomas Hartmann, Mrs. Lacher, Mrs. Ramspey, Frank Seecocks, Mr. Weinkoff, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Ruchty.

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**Along the Landing.**

S. H. McElroy has been appointed superintendent and purchasing agent of the company stores of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company.

There is a possibility that the stevedores of all steamboats operated by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company will be hired by the company. Some of the individuals who have suggested the stevedores by the year.

The White Collar line was composed to send boiler makers from Cincinnati to Rosedale, Miss., to repair the boiler of the John K. Speed, which was out one of her boiler heads twelve miles below Rosedale, Miss., last week.

The local steambot inspectors have received from General James A. Bevel, supervising inspector of the United States steam vessels of the United States Congress, providing that no stevedores and not exceeding three years' experience, and not exceeding officers' fees, on penalty of perjury or for making any change or changing the law, required any marine license. The law required that where cases of the kind are brought to the notice of the inspectors such information must be given to the United States district attorney for prosecution.

**River Telegrams.**

- OIL CITY—River 4 feet and falling. Weather, cloudy and cool.
- WARREN—River 2 feet 9 inches and stationary. Weather, cloudy and cold.
- BROWNsville—River 5 feet 1 inch and stationary.
- PITTSBURGH—River 7 1/2 feet and rising. Weather, clear and cool.
- STEUBEN—River 9 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and cool. Up—Joseph Walton, Lorena and Greenwood.